GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – MA&UD Department – Allegation of irregularities committed in tender process for the work "Construction of 45 MLD Rapid Gravitation Filtration Plant in Guntur Town" - Disciplinary action initiated against Sri G.Koteswar Rao, the then SE (PH) (Retd), Guntur – Imposing a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year – Orders – Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 708 **Dated: 23-07-2018.**

Read the following:-

1) From the General Administration (V&E) Department, VR.No.2 (1042/V&E/E1/2004), dated.07.01.2005.
2) G.O.Rt.No.738, MA&UD (E1) Dept., dated.20.05.2005.
3) WSD of Sri G.Koteswar Rao, the then SE (PH), Guntur, dt.23.08.2005.
4) G.O.Rt.No.493, MA&UD (E1) Dept., dated.20.04.2007, appointed COI as Enquiry Officer
5) Govt.Memo.No.1655/E1/2005, MA&UD (E1) Dept., dated.20.04.2007 appointed as presenting officer.
6) Govt.Memo.No.1655/E1/2005, MA&UD (E1) Dept., dated.02.07.2010.
7) G.O.Rt.No.339, MAUD (E1) Dept., dated.20.03.2012 appointed Sri Jitender, IPS., COI., GAD as Inquiry Authority in place of Dr.Subhrendru Bhattacharya, IAS., COI, GAD.
8) From the Enquiry Officer, D.O.Lr.No.538/COI-J/A2/2010, dt.08.08.2012.
9) Govt.Memo.No.1655/E1/2005, dated.18.09.2012.
10) Written Explanation of Sri G.Koteswar Rao, the then SE (PH) (Retd), Guntur, dt.04.12.2017 & 15.02.2018.
11) Govt.Memo.No.1655/Vig.II.1/2005, dt.07.05.2018.
12) Written Representation of Sri G.Koteswar Rao, the then SE (PH) (Retd), Guntur, dt.09.05.2018.
13) Govt.Lr.No.1655/Vig.II.1/2005, dated.16.05.2018.
14) From the Secretary (I/C), APPSC., Vijayawada, Lr.No.325/DC&C/2018, dated.25.05.2018.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st cited, the G.A. (V&E) Department have enquired into the allegations of irregularities in tender process for the work "Construction of 45 MLD Rapid Gravitation Filtration Plant in Guntur Town" and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri G.Koteswar Rao, the then SE (PH), Guntur and Sri B.Jaya Rami Reddy, the then E.E., PH Division, Tirupati.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary action against the accused officer Sri G.Koteswar Rao, the then SE (PH), Guntur, by issuing articles of charges against him with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defence. In the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer has submitted his Written Statement of Defense duly requesting to drop further action against him.

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3. After examination of the Written Statement of Defense of the charged officer and not convincing, in the reference 4th read above, Government have appointed Dr. P.Mahapatra, I.A.S., Commissioner of Inquiries as an Inquiry Authority, to enquire into the charges framed against Sri B.Jaya Rami Reddy, the then E.E., and Sri G.Koteswar Rao, the then SE (PH) (Retd), Guntur and in the reference 5th read above, orders were issued, appointing Sri C.Rama Rao, Superintending Engineer (PH), Guntur as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority on behalf of Disciplinary Authority.

4. Subsequently, the Government vide references 6th read above have re-appointed Sri M.A.Shukoor, Superintending Engineer (PH), Guntur as Presenting Officer in place of Sri C.Rama Rao, SE (PH) (Retd), Guntur. In the reference 7th read above, Government have re-assigned the case to Sri Jitender, I.P.S., Commissioner of Inquiries.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Sri Jitender, I.P.S., Commissioner of Inquiries has submitted his Inquiry Report, stating that the charge framed against the charged officer is not held proved.

6. In reference 9th read above, while communicating the Inquiry Report along with reasons for disagreement on the findings of the Inquiry Authority, the Charged Officer Sri G.Koteswar Rao, the then SE (PH) (Retd), Guntur was directed to submit his written representation, within (15) days. In the reference 10th read above, Sri G.Koteswar Rao, the then SE (PH) (Retd), Guntur has submitted his written representation duly requesting to drop further action against him.

7. In the reference 11th read above, a show cause notice has been issued to the charged officer Sri G.Koteswar Rao, the then SE (PH) (Retd), as to why a penalty of 2% cut in his pension for a period of one year shall not be imposed, in terms of Rule-9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980. In the reference 12th read above, the charged officer has submitted written representation and requested to withdraw the proposed penalty and drop further action against the charges framed.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri G.Koteswar Rao, the then SE (PH) (Retd.), Guntur and in the reference 13th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, was requested to convey the concurrence of the Commission on the Government's proposal.

9. In the reference 14th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission has informed that, Commission agree with the proposal of the Government, to impose the punishment of 2% cut in pension for period of one (1) year against Sri G.Koteswar Rao, (Retired), the then SE (PH), Guntur.

10. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to

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impose a penalty of 2% cut in pension for period of one (1) year against Sri G.Koteswar Rao, (Retired), the then SE (PH), Guntur. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of 2% cut in pension for period of one (1) year against Sri G.Koteswar Rao, (Retired), the then SE (PH), Guntur.

11. The Engineer-In-Chief (PH), A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

12. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri G.Koteswar Rao, the then SE (PH) (Retd), Guntur
– through the Engineer-In-Chief (PH), A.P., Guntur.
The Engineer-In-Chief (PH), A.P., Guntur

Copy to:

The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
The General Administration (V&E) Department, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P.V.C., 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Commissioner, Guntur Municipal Corporation, Guntur District.
SF/SCs.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.